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EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

STRAITS SALARIES.

Singapore, December 23.

A wire from the Secretary of State for the Colonies approves of the Governor's recommendation for a 30 per cent. rise in clerks' salaries.

UNFOUNDED RUMOUR.

Singapore, December 23.

A rumour that the Atsuta Maru, which left London on 13th December, was lost, proves to be incorrect on enquiry from the N.Y.K.

PRISONER'S DEATH.

ALLEGED VIOLENCE BY POLICE OFFICER.

A coroners enquiry of more than usual interest was commenced at the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, the man concerned being said to have died from injuries alleged to have been caused through unnecessary violence exercised by a European Sergeant in the execution of his duty.

The enquiry is a sequel to a raiding incident which occurred in the New Territories on the 10th instant, when a number of coolies carrying bags of rice were set upon by some 400 coolies on the road between Mien Hin Ha and Chuen Wan, in the New Territories. The rice was stolen by the assailants, which act was reported to the Chuen Wan Police, and Sergeant Macdonald, of that Station, took charge of the case. A Chinese, whose death is the subject of the present enquiry was mentioned as being one of the thieves, and whilst he was being arrested, it is alleged that the Sergeant struck the man on the head with a cane, kicked at the lower part of his body, and inflicted other injuries which caused his death on the following day.

The enquiry was conducted by Mr. R. O. Hutchison yesterday, with the assistance of the following jury Messrs. E. Hayward, R. C. da Silva, and M. A. Simoes.

Mr. H. L. Denny, Jr., attended the enquiry on behalf of the relatives of the deceased man.

The medical evidence stated that on the left thigh of the deceased there were several bruises of a trivial nature, which might have been caused by a blow from a stick, or by a common fall. The spleen was distended to about eight inches long, and had a tear on its upper surface measuring four inches long. Death was caused by the rupture of the spleen according to the opinion of the doctor.

The enquiry was resumed this afternoon.

COURT SCENE.

CHINESE BROKER IN TROUBLE.

Mr. Lai Pat-siu, a broker at Messrs. Loxley and Company's, to-day proved himself to be a man of loud speech, as, with hands folded and leaning heavily on the railings of the Police Court dock, he addressed Mr. R. O. Hutchison on the circumstances of his being discovered by the Police lying in an unconscious state, the result of alcohol, on the roadway at 1.30 a.m. this morning. Without making any reference to the fact that he had drunk much but not too wisely, he informed the Court in pidgin, but none the less expressive English, that he had been divested of his purse by some one who had also stolen his silk gown. The smile that continually illumined his face gave way to a bollicose expression when efforts were made in turn by various police officers to restrain his eloquent flow of rudimentary English. Inspector Cashman expressed the suspicion that Mr. Lai had not yet come to his senses. His Worship put a hurried cessation to the scene by imposing a fine of \$5, or, in default, imprisonment for 14 days.

AVIATION IN HONGKONG.

NEW COMPANY TO BE REGISTERED.

SEAPLANE SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

Commercial aviation in this part of the world is now within the realm of practical politics. A company will shortly be registered in Hongkong with a capital of gold \$600,000 to establish a service for carrying passengers and mails between Canton and Shanghai via Hongkong, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Ningpo.

It is proposed that there shall be two express lines with their termini at Shanghai. One service will be from Canton to Shanghai, and the other from Manila to Shanghai, crossing the Ballintang Channel, passing Formosa and joining the first line at Foochow.

The name of the new aerial company is 'The Far East Aerial Transport Company Ltd.' It is hoped that the service may start at the end of February. The machines and the necessary materials, it is expected, will arrive in Hongkong at the end of this month.

Initially, there will be eight seaplanes—five double engines, two single engines and one other speedy machine. Besides these there will be fourteen other machines in commission. The seaplanes will all be of the Curtiss type. The company expects a profit of 30 per cent. per annum. A lot of support has been promised by Hongkong and Shanghai firms. The Hongkong Government, it is hoped, will also patronise the service. The Chinese Government has, we are told, no objection to the establishment of such an aerial service.

The Managing Agents of the Company will be Messrs. Ricou and Co. Monsieur Ricou has been associated with some of the most successful enterprises in Macao and elsewhere. He is an expert aviator and has succeeded in collecting a band of English and French aviators for his Company. The scope of the Company will be enlarged later on to embrace a service to Bangkok, Cambodia, Indo-China, finishing up at Canton, whilst a line of travel into the interior of China from Canton to Shanghai is also under consideration.

BREVITIES.

By observing cracks in layers of cement put down in certain districts of California, a San Francisco man says he can foretell the coming of an earthquake.

Dr. J. H. Schwarzman, authority on the silk business, says that Japan with its cheap labour will soon undersell American silk manufacturers unless a 100 per cent duty is imposed on imports.

For the first time in the history of the Holy Land, Christians, Moslems and Jews, their racial and religious hatreds forgotten, are working side by side in industrial workshops opened by the American Red Cross in Palestine. A planet has been named Carnegie, after the late philanthropist.

WHAT IS OCCUPATION?

An important rating decision was given by the Bonford Justices recently the case being a sequel to an explosion in a Government factory, which wrecked premises at Hornchurch used for the purposes of a fat and bone business by Messrs. Wickens, Pease, and Co. The overseers claimed rates on the ground that respondents were in a beneficial occupation after the explosion, but respondents hold that they were not liable, as the premises could not be used. The Bench decided that the premises were not fit for occupation, and that the presence of damaged machinery, originally part of the rateable hereditament did not constitute occupation. They accordingly dismissed the summons, but expressed their willingness to state a case for the High Court.

EUROPEAN'S DEATH.

WAS IT A MOTOR ACCIDENT?

The circumstances of the death of the late Mr. H. L. Morrison were gone into at an enquiry held by Mr. J. R. Wood, in the capacity of Coroner, at the Magistrate's this morning, with the help of the following jury:—Messrs. J. Barradas, J. A. Collaco, and C. Silva.

It will be recalled that on the night of the 14th inst. Mr. Morrison, who was the third engineer of the Kweichow, and was on transfer to the Hupeh at the time of his death, was found lying with a crushed head at Connaught Road West, near Whitley Street, and his death was attributed to a motor-car accident.

In his evidence, Dr. Henry Parkes, Medical Officer in charge of the Victoria Mortuary, stated that on the 15th instant, at the Mortuary, he held a post-mortem examination on the body of a male European indentified by Mr. F. W. James as that of Mr. Morrison. The cause of death was fracture of the skull. The injuries were confined to the skull and must have resulted from a powerful force, whether of a motor-car he was unable to form an opinion. The man's health was not of the best, and there was evidence of kidney and heart diseases. Witness would not like to say it was likely that heart attacks were the cause of death, neither could he say that this was not possible. He sent the stomach to the Government Analyst to see if there were traces of alcohol in it.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Assistant Analyst, said that he examined the stomach but found it contained very few traces of alcohol—half a dram, to be precise.

Mr. F. W. James, Superintendent Engineer, Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, deposed that the last time he saw deceased alive was on the afternoon of 12th inst. at his office. The deceased was then third engineer of the Kweichow, and was due for transference to the Hupeh. He was perfectly sober at the time. After that day witness did not see him again until the afternoon of the 15th, when witness identified his dead body in the Mortuary.

Mr. H. R. Jassep, until lately Third Engineer of the Kweichow, said that on the 12th inst. the deceased was in an intoxicated condition on board the ship and gave some trouble, with the consequence that the Captain ordered him to leave the ship. Two days later, at 8 p.m. on the night of the occurrence witness saw the deceased in the bar-room of the Hongkong Hotel, and this was the last time that witness saw the deceased alive.

Mr. T. Baylis, Superintendent of the Sailors' Home, gave evidence to the effect that the deceased came to the Institution on the 13th inst. and engaged a room. He seemed to have been in a hurry, and after leaving all his luggage at the house, he left and witness did not see him again after that date.

Sergeant Clark, attached to No. 7 Police Station, said that at 10.30 p.m. on the night in question, he received a message, and, acting on its instructions, he went down to Connaught Road West, and found the deceased lying in the centre of the roadway with his face downwards, and turning towards the west. He seemed to have been knocked down by a motor car. Witness left the body in charge of Inspector Macdonald, and along with several Chinese detectives, searched the various garages for the car which he thought might have been the cause of the death of the deceased. No results were obtained, the car being lost trace of.

Inspector Macdonald said that the back of the coat which the deceased was wearing was torn and there were traces of dirt as if left by the dusty fumes of the wind-screen of a motor-car, when it struck him. The body was quite warm, which showed that death could not have taken place more than half an hour previous to the time when it was discovered by the Police. The width of the roadway was about 65 feet.

MACAO NEWS.

The request which was made by the Opium Monopolists and approved by the Governor-in-Council, in connection with the reduction of the revenue from \$6,667,000 to \$5,857,000 yearly, has been sanctioned by the Lisbon Government. Telegraphic advice to this effect reached Macao a few days ago.

It is reported that Lu Im-shan has been ordered by the Canton Government to increase by two battalions the force in Chin Shum. This step is believed to be for the purpose of suppressing bandits and pirates now that the Chinese New Year is approaching.

Owing to the prohibition of the export of land by the Government, and also dull business, ten butcher shops out of 19 have gone into bankruptcy.

The Canton Government has at last paid attention to the numerous complaints made by the gentry of Heungshan in regard to rice smuggling. It has secretly sent over a gun boat with the result that four small Chinese gunboats and a few junks were captured outside of Macao a couple of days ago with over 1,000 piculs of rice. All were brought to Canton.

Questioned by the Coroner, witness stated that the deceased might have been struck down by a motor-car which had observed the regulations. He might have been struck by a car going from east to west, as the position of the body showed.

At the conclusion of the evidence, the Coroner summed up the statements of the witnesses, after which the jury returned the following verdict:—

"The deceased died in consequence of fracture of the skull. It seems probable that the injury was caused through deceased having been knocked down or run over by a motor-car at the place where he was found. There is no evidence that the driver was negligent. It is certain that he neither stopped to render assistance nor made any report of the accident to the proper authorities. For this reason the driver is, in our opinion, guilty of serious misconduct."

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor was the guest at dinner last evening of Vice-Admiral Satoru Horiuchi, I. J. N., on board the flagship H. I. J. M. S. "Tokiwa."

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Cadet Company, by Lieut. A. O. Brown, state:—

STRENGTH.

Cadets F. M. Blackford and H. Mackintosh joined on the 19th instant, and are posted to Sections 2 and 3 respectively.

PARADE.

Church Parade at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Sunday 28th instant. Sections 1 and 2 fall in at Ferry Wharf at 10.10 a.m. Sections 3 and 4 and Band fall in at Ferry Wharf, Kowloon side, at 10.30 a.m. Uniform—Caps and belts.

CAMP.

Camp will be near Bridge 47 at Lowu from January 3rd to 12th January inclusive.

Advance Party will be detailed by Sergeant Ramsay and will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on Friday, the 2nd January, at 9 a.m. Uniform—Caps and belts.

Main Party will parade at Kowloon Railway Station on Saturday, the 3rd January at 10.15 a.m. Uniform—Caps and belts.

Cadets wishing to attend the Children's Sports at the Kowloon Cricket Club may travel out to Camp on the 8.25 p.m. train. Sgt. Taylor will be in charge. Visitors' Day will be Saturday, the 10th January. Parents and others interested are invited.

KING'S GIFT OF A BIBLE.

The King has presented a handsome Bible to Edna Mickleburgh, of Sherborne Elementary School, who was the most successful pupil on the Sandringham Estate in a special diocesan examination. Her father, Lance-Corporal William Mickleburgh, of the Border Regiment, fell in action in July, 1916.

TODAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was \$4.11 1/2.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—fine. Barometer—30.06. Temperature 2 p.m.—68. Humidity 2 p.m.—61.

XMAS TREE.

ENTERTAINMENT AT VICTORIA BARRACKS.

Wednesday afternoon the officers and ladies of the Royal Artillery were "at Home" to the married families of the Regiment stationed in Hongkong, at the Royal Artillery Theatre, Victoria Barracks, on the occasion of the Children's Christmas Tree. Tea was served at 4 p.m. by Wiseman's Ltd. Following the tea, Messrs. Pathe Freres put on a specially selected cinema show which all present thoroughly enjoyed.

About 6 p.m. the curtain was removed and a beautiful tree illuminated with numerous coloured lamps, kindly lent by the Hongkong Electric Co. Ltd., and laden with toys, crackers, etc., by which stood Father Christmas. The children soon made themselves at home and as Father Christmas called each child by name, Mrs. Loring handed to them their toys together with a bag of sweets.

After the presents were distributed, the officers present collected all the children and started to strip the tree which in a very short time was robbed of all its glory which had been displayed earlier in the afternoon.

At the close of the entertainment Father Christmas called for three cheers for Col. and Mrs. Loring, Officers and Ladies of the Royal Artillery, to which the children heartily responded, following the cheers by a rousing tiger. During the afternoon S. M. Loder, R. A. M. C., gave selections on the piano.

The ladies, under Mrs. Loring, are to be complimented for their excellent design in the tree decorations. The theatre was dressed with bunting kindly lent by H.M.S. Tamar; the dressing being carried out by Sgt. A.E. Smith and Bomb. F. Shepherd.

During the afternoon the party was visited by H.E. Major General F. Venetris, C.B., G.O.C., who always shows a very keen interest on all occasions on which Garrison Entertainments are carried out.



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OUR PEKING LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, December 8.
To-day is another red letter
day. This afternoon the first of
the Handley Page aeroplanes
made a successful trial flight and
conditions proved so satisfactory
that it has been arranged to hold
a more public demonstration in
the course of a few days. The
second aeroplane is in process of
being assembled, two others are
at Shanghai awaiting transportation,
and the remaining two are
expected to reach China before
the end of the year.The political situation is by no
means clear at the moment. It
is true that the ministers ap-
proved by Parliament have been
officially confirmed in their
positions by presidential mandate
and the two vacancies have been
filled by making the Minister of
Interior also act concurrently as
Minister of Agriculture and Com-
merce, a portfolio which he
has not actually relinquished
and by making the Vice-
Minister of Education take
charge of the affairs of the
Ministry. In this way the Pre-
mier has not had occasion to
submit other names to Parliament.
He has offset the schemes of the
Anfu Club by appointing his own
men as vice-ministers in such
departments as he was not per-
mitted to have his own men, but
the Minister of Finance, Li Shih-
hao, threatened to resign when
he learned that a vice-minister
had been appointed to his depart-
ment of whom he disapproved,
and his wishes are being met by
removing the offending in-
dividual from this post.It seems tolerably certain that
the Shanghai International Conference
is at end. There will be no re-
sumption of negotiations so long as
Wang I-tang remains at Shanghai,
and it is doubtful if there will
ever be any reconvoation of
delegates inasmuch as the Northern
militarists and the Southern
militarists are endeavouring to
reach an arrangement amicable
to themselves. That this course
will advance the cause of con-
stitutional government is not at
all sure, but it may bring a sen-
sible of peace and unity which
may help the country out of its
present difficulties.Yesterday's Anglo-American
tiffin was unusually interesting.
There was a large attendance,
who listened with interest to
three short speeches. One was
from Mr. E. B. Bruce, one of the
American bankers now in the
city, the second was from Mr.
Johnston, the British adviser to
the Ministry of Commu-
nications, and the third was
from Mr. Lennox Simpson. Mr.
Johnston deprecated the report
that Home was no place in which
to live and asserted that it was
still God's own country, affirming
his belief in the ability of the
British people to grapple with the
problems of the day. Putnam
Weale made an appeal for closer
association between the Anglo-
Saxons and the Chinese, citing
what had been done in Shanghai
and Tientsin by the formation
of the American-British-Chinese
Clubs.That the Japanese are alert as
to their post-bellum opportunities
is proved by the report, given on
unquestioned authority, that they
have purchased seven patents in
Berlin from the Germans, includ-
ing Telefunken. It is said that
they will erect a large and power-
ful wireless station in the East in
the spring.Peking is still worried over
finance. The American loan on
the security of the Wine and To-
bacco taxes has not been signed.
Indeed, it is doubtful if it ever

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will, and the Government is cast-
ing about for money to meet its
urgent needs. Probably the Cor-
surtium will help out with a
small loan of five million dollars,
which with the customs and salt
surpluses, will suffice for im-
mediate requirements, but some-
thing else will be required to tide
the Government over the end of
the year and China New Year.Japanese insinuations with re-
gard to Britain bringing pressure
to bear upon China with regard
to Tibet will no doubt be effective-
ly laid to rest by the official state-
ment emanating from the British
Legation this week, explaining
the present state of the negotia-
tions and pointing out that
Britain has no interest other
than to have a long outstanding
question settled in the interests
of peace on the Indian border.Evidence of Japanese exploita-
tion of native unrest throughout
China in order to embarrass
Great Britain and America has
been furnished by publica-
tion of her advocacy of
Pan Asianism. The magazine
to hand, entitled "Great Asia,"
contains articles attacking the
British administration in India
and elsewhere, while others make
reference to the aggressive policy
of the United States. Pan
Asianism may be a legitimate
aspiration, but it is hardly con-
sistent with the spirit of the
Anglo-Japanese alliance to have
an ally making such unscrupulous
attacks upon Great Britain.Very interesting indeed was
the telegram addressed to the
Senate of the United States by
the Speakers of the two Houses
in the name of the Chinese
Parliament expressing the grati-
tude of the Chinese nation to theSenate for the stand it had taken
upon the Shantung question and
expressing the hope that the
Senate will not allow their inter-
est in the question to flag in the
slightest degree.The Chinese are still excited
over the Foochow affair. Peking
is associating itself with other
cities in making its protest vocal.
Last Saturday witnessed the
largest and best organized pro-
cession ever witnessed in the capital.
To-morrow there will be held a
mass meeting in front of the Tien
An Men at which delegations
from all over the country will be
present and at which resolutions
in favour of the continuance of
the boycott will be submitted.On Monday the new Japanese
paper, the North China Standard
made its debut. It is well printed
sheet, well arranged, and care-
fully edited. Larger and more
newsy than any other in the city,
it ought to attract subscribers de-
spite the general prejudice against
Japan. It hopes to put the
Japanese view before the public
and remove the misunderstand-
ings under which Japan labours
at present.Winter sports are under way
with the exception of skating and
ice hockey, though the penguins
are erected and only the more last-
ing frost is needed to supply the
ice. Football has made a start,
but there does not seem to be the
same amount of enthusiasm as
in former years due to the absence
of several of the leading spirits at
home. Golfers are pleased with
the prospect of a new course in
the country. The formation of
the International Race Club is in
process, and I understand that a
site will be occupied at Nanytan.

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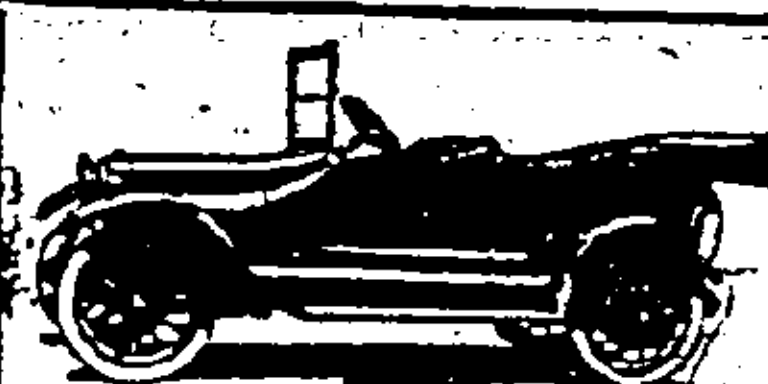
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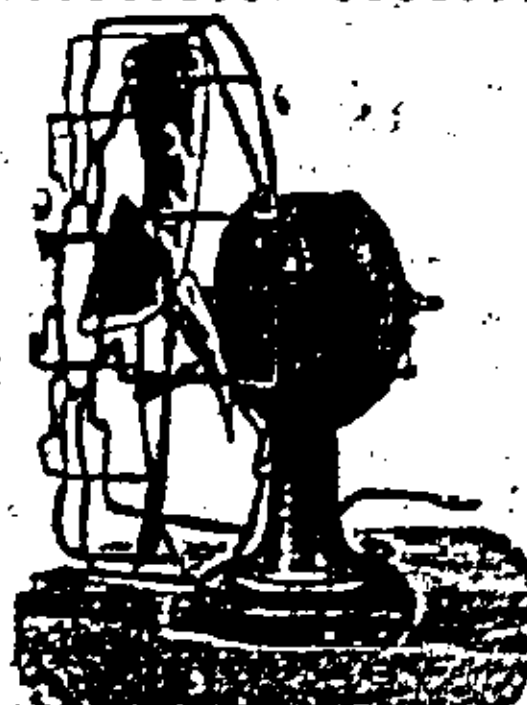
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In the school were a number of
children of soldiers who had been
killed or wounded, and the
children of a fallen officer for
whom provision was being made
by the Ministry of Pensions.

The defendants were Mrs. Ada
Lang, the principal, and Miss
Kate Leader, the matron, and
the case was brought after
the school had been disposed of
to Miss Ansell, who took over
the children. The defendants
yesterday elected that the case
should go before a jury.

The first witness, Miss Lillian
Ansell, said she visited
Holmesdale House last July,
when Miss Leader said that
"the money was made in the
kitchen."

A former governess at the
defendants' school, Miss May
Robinson, said part of her duties
was to bath the children. They
were all bathed in the same
water, those with sores last, by
which time the water was cold.
The children's heads were always
dirty. The children, she added,
did not get as much to eat as
they wanted, and the meals were
as follows:

Breakfast, 8 a.m.—Two slices
of bread and butter, and a cup of
tea without milk and sometimes
without sugar.

Dinner, 1 p.m.—Soup, with rice
afterwards.

Tea, 4.30 p.m.—Same as break-
fast.

There was nothing more till
breakfast next day, and all the
children, regardless of their ages,
had the same food. They fre-
quently complained of being
hungry, and so she bought food
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were put in. It would provide
for 30 children. For the rice
course 2lb. of rice was boiled
in water and served
with sugar or jam. There was,
she added, no proper organised
program of school work, and the
children had to make their beds
and clean the rooms, after which
school work began. In addition
to this the children were sent on
errands—mostly for beer. Six or
eight bottles were brought in
every day.

Mr. Stanley Smith, for the
prosecution, said he had seen
either of the defendants
under the influence of drink?—I
have seen Miss Leader, but not
Mrs. Lang.

Have you seen her absolutely
drunk?—Yes.

Some of the girls, added the
witness, played cards for coppers
with Mrs. Lang after tea.

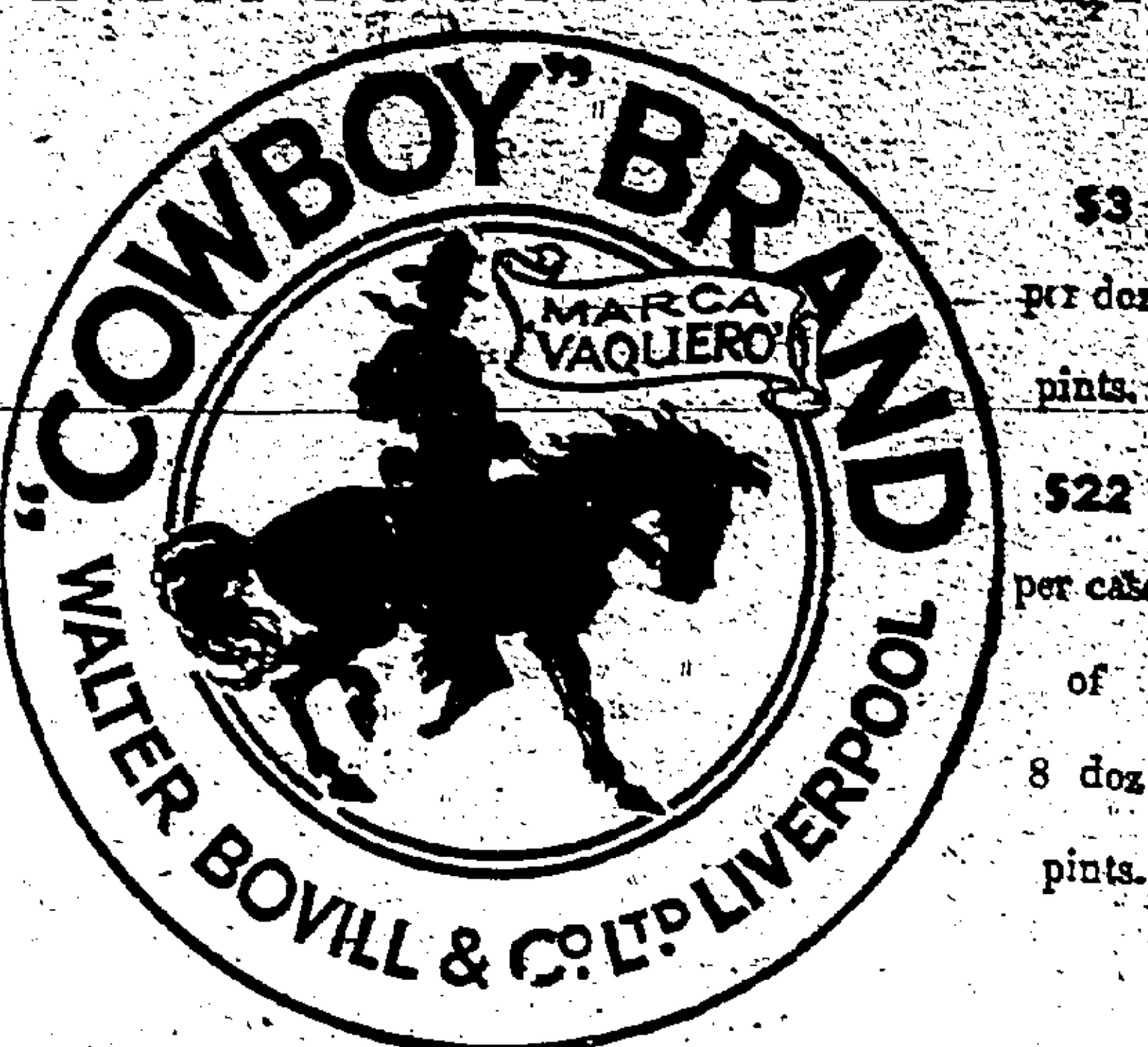
Mrs. Emily Shirley Anderson,
who said she was a governess at
Mrs. Lang's school for a fortnight,
stated that one night she heard a
"terrific row" downstairs, and
saw in Mrs. Lang's sitting-room,
Mrs. Lang, Miss Leader, Miss
Robinson, Mrs. Lang's daughter,
and a Mr. Turner. Mrs. Lang and
Miss Leader were "rowing," and
one of them was the worse for
liquor.

Inspector Thompson, National
Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Children, said he
examined the children con-
cerned in the case at Miss
Ansell's school. Some of
their heads were verminous.
Most of them were fairly well
nourished. One was badly
nourished and pale and frighten-
ed, and a little boy who had an
open wound on his left leg was
also pale and frightened. The
children had been neglected, and
had the look always seen in
children suffering from neglect.
The sores he saw were, in his
opinion, the result of vermin,
improper feeding, and blows. The
bedding was dirty, covered with
dog's hair, and unfit for human
beings to sleep on. The children
had undoubtedly been caused
unnecessary suffering from
which, in some cases, their health
had been injured.

Mr. Stanley Smith, for the
prosecution, said these proceed-
ings were due to the public spirit
of Miss Ansell, who, however,
had received letters from parents
of other children in her school
threatening to remove them be-
cause of their possible association
with the children concerned in
the case. Miss Ansell had had all
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fully examined, and the boys
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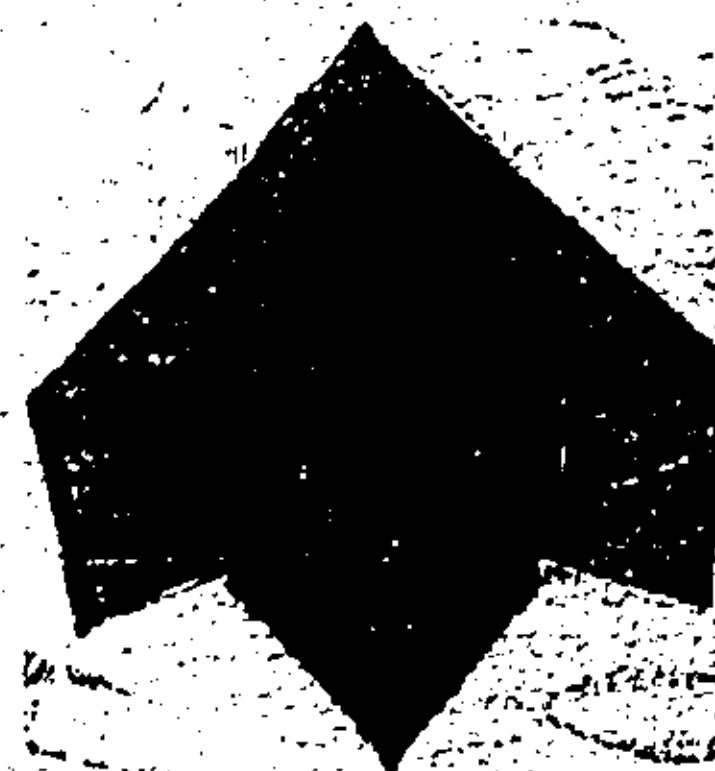
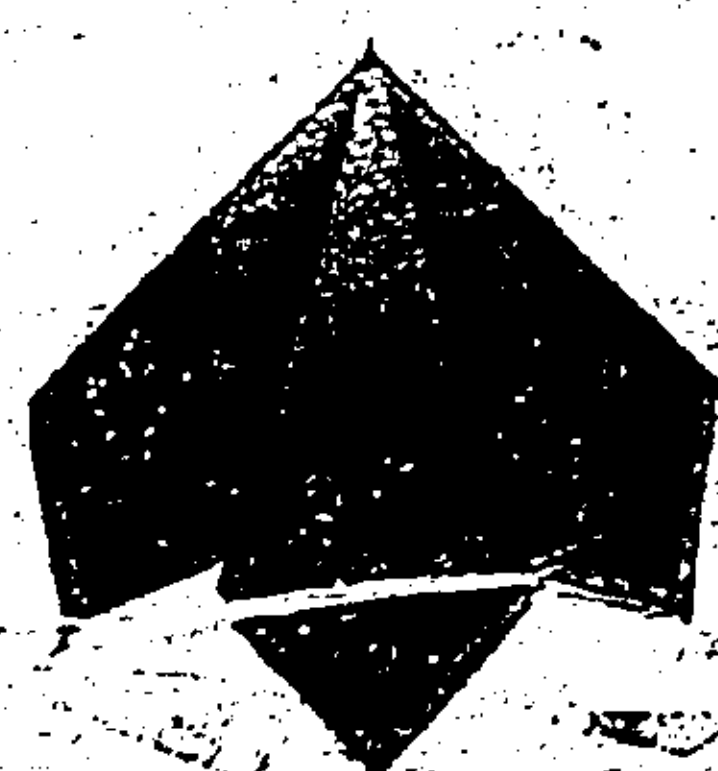
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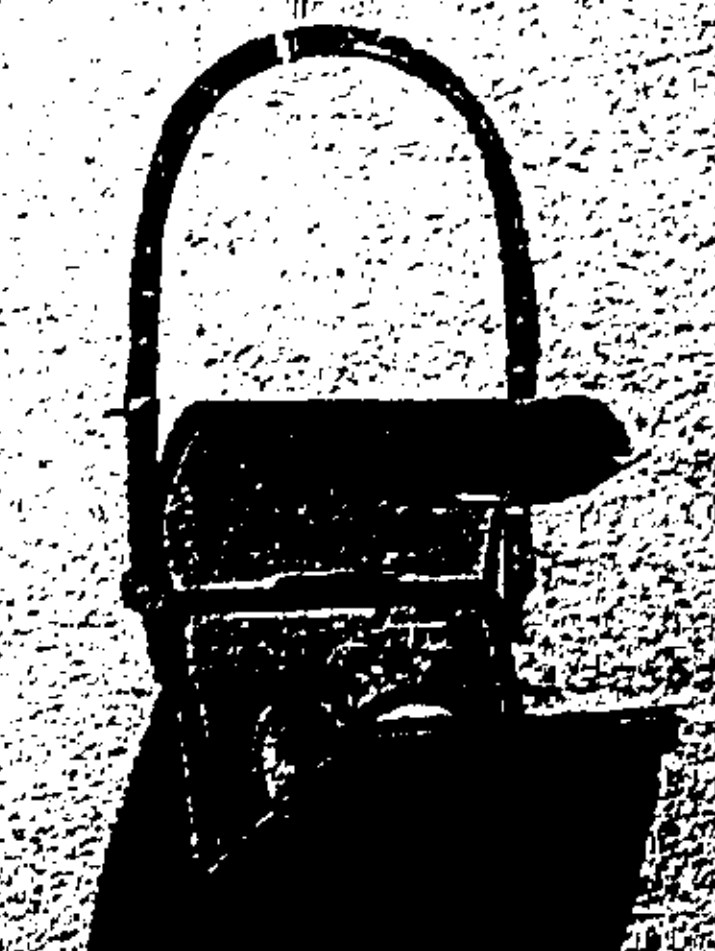
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Those who attended the Wan-chai Wesleyan Church on Sunday last were rewarded by listening to well rendered selections of sacred music.

The Rev. C. A. Gimblett, M.A., chose for his text the words of St. Paul "Sing with melody to the Lord with your hearts" and pointed out the importance of music in connection with praise to Almighty God. Those who listened must have been impressed by the Rev. gentleman's discourse on the essential part which music, both vocal and instrumental, plays in the church.

Miss Hearl sang "O Divine Redeemer" nicely, though she lacked somewhat the power for such a composition. We hope to hear more from this lady in the future.

Miss Hansen sang "One sweetly solemn thought" with good taste and in perfect pitch. Her phrasing was a trifle faulty, which affect d pure intonation.

Miss G. Brock and Mr. Davis sang "Love Divine" very sweetly and acceptably. Mr. Davis also sang a duet with Mr. Jones. "Thou liftest Thy Divine petition" from Stainer's "Crucifixion." Mr. Jones sonorous bass in this was worthy of heavier work. The duet would, however, have been improved by a slightly quicker tempo. Mr. E. T. Crocker sang "O God have Mercy," delightfully, but did not pay enough heed to light and shade. Such pieces require more delicate treatment.

The augmented choir sang "Ye shall dwell in the Land" with good taste. The soloists in this were Miss N. Williams and Mr. Hamer. Miss Williams, who sang very creditably, requires more experience in voice production and enunciation. Mr. Hamer was in good voice. It was regretted that Mrs. Brown was unavoidably absent.

Mr. F. W. H. Wain, Organist and Choirmaster, officiated at the organ throughout and is to be congratulated on the success of the service. Besides sympathetically accompanying each number he played "Allegro Moderato" (Felix Thorel) during the offertory and "Marche Triomphale" (Arthur W. Marchant).

A collection was made on behalf of Choir Funds. The augmented choir consisted of:—Messdames Hamer, Ling, Stubbings, Dawson, and Bentley. The Misses Hansen, Brock, Williams, N. Williams and Hearl, and Messrs. Hamer, Piercy, Crocker, Haskett, Ling, Edmonds, Jones, Davis, Roberts, Dawson, Lewis, and Craddock.

The Choirmaster is desirous of thanking all who assisted in making the Choir Festival such a success.—Contributed.

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The following will represent the I.R.C. against the University on the former's ground on Thursday, commencing at 10.30 a.m.:—A. el Arculli (Captain), G. C. Earde, S. A. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. H. Ismail, A. A. Ruzjahn, A. G. Sufflad, A. R. Medar, S. Moosdeen, N. M. Buz and A. N. Othaz.

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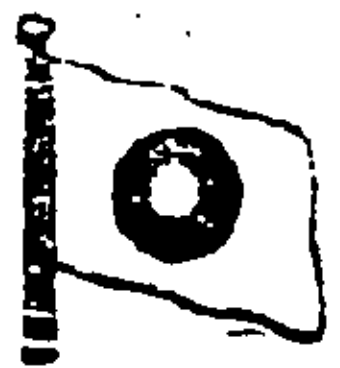
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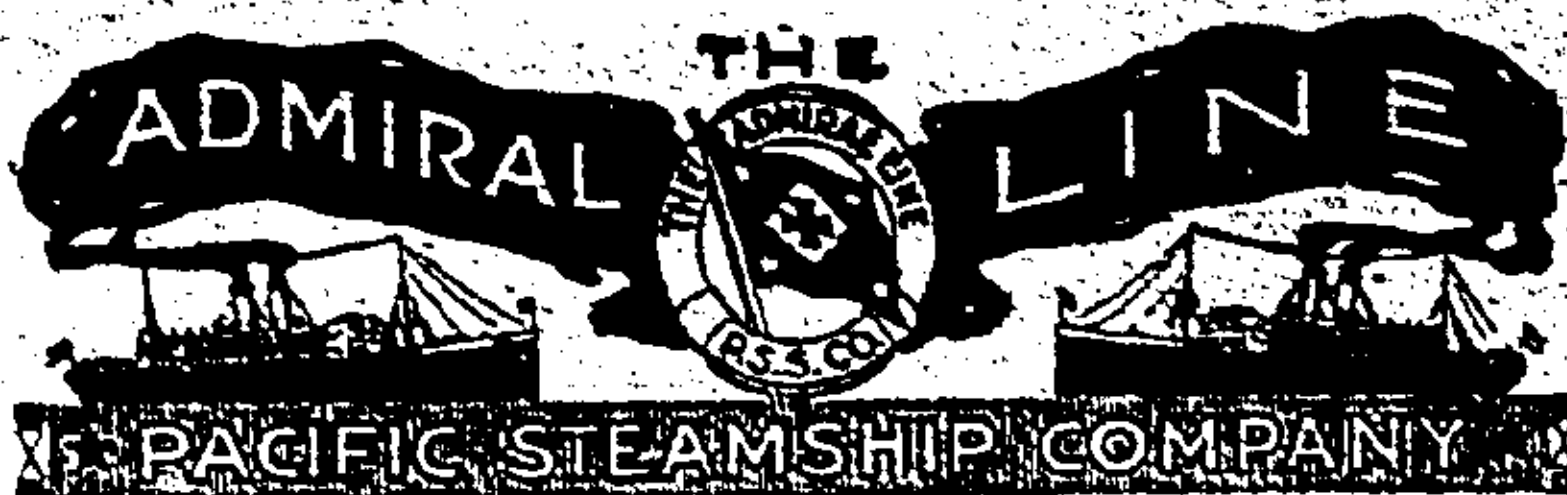
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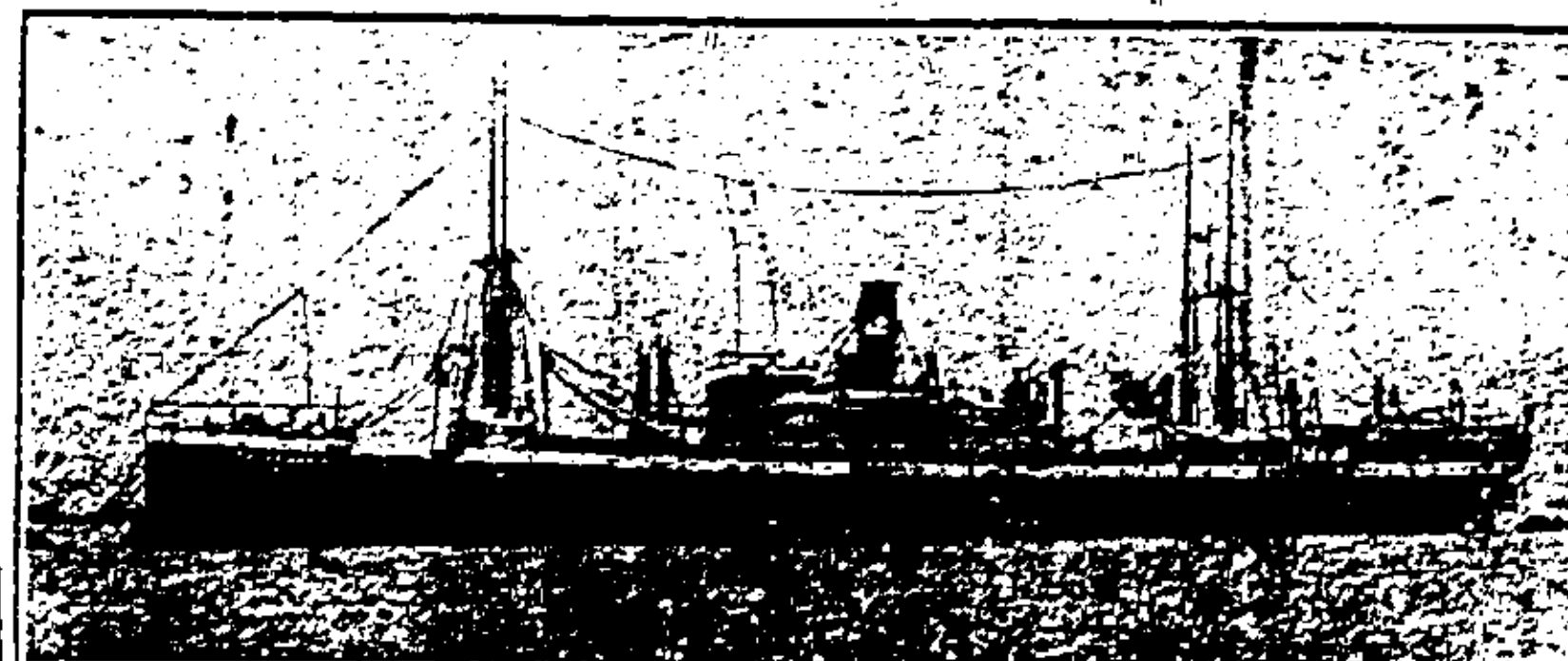
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAMO M. (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 22nd Nov. and is expected here on the 29th Dec.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of cable advice from its Shanghai Office to the effect that the s.s. ECUADOR, Voyage 16 Out, left that Port on the 18th inst. for Manila, and may be expected at this Port on or about December 28th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 29th Nov. and is expected here on the 7th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TENSIN M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 6th Dec. and is expected here on the Dec. 29th.

The Ben L. s.s. BENLAWERS from Antwerp, Middlesbrough and London, left Singapore for this port on 18th instant and may be expected to arrive here on or about 25th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KEISHIN M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 12th Dec. and is expected here on the 31st Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. ATSUTA M. (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 13th Dec. and is expected here on the 19th Jan.

The R. M. S. METHVEN leaves Singapore, 19th Dec., and is due at Hongkong on 27th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TANGO M. (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 23rd Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOYO MARU No. 2 (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 18th Dec. and is expected here on the 27th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YAMAGATA MARU (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 17th Dec. and is expected here on the 4th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TENSHO M. (Bombay Line) left Moji for this port on the 20th Dec. and is expected here on the 23rd Dec.

The P. & O. s.s. ARRATOON APCAR left Moji for this Port on the 20th instant at p.m. and is due here on the 24th instant at about p.m.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN from Hongkong on the 19th Nov. arrived Vancouver on the 10th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SADO MARU (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 22nd Dec. and is expected here on the 25th Dec.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAWACHI MARU (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 21st Dec. and is expected here on the 28th Dec.

The P. & O. s.s. SANGOLA left Singapore for this Port on the 22nd instant at 7 a.m. and is due here on the 30th instant at about noon.

VESSELS LOADING.

EUROPE, U.S.A., ETC.

Tango M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 27
Ida M.	A. D.	Dec. 27
Bravecouer	S. & D.	Dec. 27
Nile	C. M.	Dec. 27
E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	Dec. 27
Sado M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 27
Kalomo	B. L.	Dec. 27
Dongola	P. & O.	Dec. 27
Van Waerwyck	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 27
Durban M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 28
Arabia M.	O. S. K.	Dec. 31
Ecudar	P. M. Co.	Dec. 31
West Cajoot S. & D.	1st Half Jan.	
Wawilona	A. L.	Jan. 2
Edmore	A. L.	Jan. 2
Kashgar	P. & O.	Jan. 2
Chicago M.	O. S. K.	Jan. 2
Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 3
Sumatra M.	O. S. K.	Jan. 4
Tokushima	N. Y. K.	Jan. 4
Knight Templar	B. L.	Jan. 5
Arabian Prince	S. T. Co.	Jan. 8
West Inskip	P. M. Co.	Jan. 8
Kitano M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 9
West Hepburn	R. D. Co.	Jan. 10
Dunera	P. & O.	Jan. 13
Taiyuan	B. & S.	Jan. 13
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 14
Grace D.	R. D. Co.	Jan. 15
Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 15
Oanfa	B. L.	Jan. 15
Iconium	A. L.	Jan. 20
St. Francis	B. L.	Jan. 20
Katori M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 21
E. of Asia	C. P. O. S.	Jan. 23
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 24
St. Albans	P. & O.	Jan. 25
West Conob	P. M. Co.	Jan. 26
Colombia	B. L. Co.	Jan. 28
Atreus	B. L.	Jan. 28
China	C. M. Co.	Jan. 31
Penang M.	N. Y. K.	B. of Jan.
Borneo M.	O. S. K.	B. of Jan.
Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	M. of Jan.
Toyama M.	N. Y. K.	M. of Jan.
Africa	D. & C. B. of Jan.	
Suwa M.	N. Y. K.	Feb. 2
Persia M.	T. K. K.	Feb. 3
Changsha	B. & S.	Feb. 7
Ariosto	B. L.	Feb. 10
Eastern	P. & O.	Feb. 11

JAPAN, COAST PORTS, ETC.

Sinkiang	B. & S.	Dec. 25
Quinnabaug	J. L. Co.	Dec. 26
Kawachi M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Toyo M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Tensho M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Arratoon A.	P. & O.	Dec. 28
Fooshing	J. M. Co.	Dec. 27
Taksang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 27
Hinsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 27
Yingchow	B. & S.	Dec. 27
Loongsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 27
Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 28
Wakamatsu M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 28
Kai M.	O. S. K.	Dec. 28
Kueichow	B. & S.	Dec. 28
Namsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 30
Taming	B. & S.	Dec. 30
Dunera	P. & O.	Dec. 30
Kamo M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 30
Tenshin M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 30
Laisang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 30
Huichow	B. & S.	Dec. 30
Wosang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 30
Keishin M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 31
Shisen M.	O. S. K.	Dec. 31
Sangola	P. & O.	Dec. 31
Ichang	B. & S.	Jan. 1
Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Jan. 2
Soshu M.	O. S. K.	Jan. 2
Coaxet	A. L.	Jan. 2
Haiching	D. L. Co.	Jan. 2
Hangsang	J. M. Co.	Jan. 2
Aki M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 16
Siam M.	O. S. K.	M. of Jan.
Iamno M.	O. S. K.	M. of Jan.

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FROM THE PULPIT.

STRUGGLE AND SONG.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday evening—

And he said: It is not the voice of them that strive for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome; but the voice of them that sing do I hear.—Exodus 32-18.

Moses and his young attendant, Joshua, coming down from the mount where many days have been spent in communion with the unseen, are arrested by the stir arising in their ears from below. "There is a noise of war," says Joshua, "in the Camp." "Nay," replies the older man, "not strife, but festival, is afoot. It is not the voice of them that strive for mastery; neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome; but the voice of them that sing do I hear."

1. Struggle and Song—these two make up in large part the hum that would enter the ear of any listener looking down on this world of ours. Struggle too often in the form of war, as Joshua so naturally thought it, but even were every sword turned into a ploughshare there would still remain the "warfare appointed to man upon the earth." Life is a struggle, and to call it so is not to condemn it, but rather to glorify it, for could anything be called life which did not call for courage, never involved us in venture, never put our powers upon the stretch, never demanded faith and endurance? For many—too true—the fight is harder than it should be, unduly weighted as they seem to be or unfairly pitted against odds. Still when all is said the sound of striving from our busy camp of men is chiefly neither a groan nor a murmur.

It is like the hum of the hive, the symphony of steady and healthful toil.

It is a striving for the mastery of life, each of us buckling to his task, conquering it, and therein conquering ourselves.

The whole life of man upon this earth has been a process of subduing the world he is given to rule. His task has been to make a peaceful conquest of the soil he tills, to lay strong hands on the wealth it covers, to control the forces of nature by learning to understand them, and so bend his environment to his dominion.

2. Besides the struggle there is also the song, and of that too we shall make a suggestive rather than a literal application of the text. "The noise of them that sing," as Moses heard it was indeed a sound of ill omen—festival round a golden calf, so coarse in its expression that Joshua could mistake it for the din of war. No sharper contrast could there be to the music of our Christian festival for the birth of the Prince of Peace, the "music of the gospel" which has been cheering men's pilgrimages from its first hearing until now. If there is striving in our life there is also singing, in every life something to be glad about, and for our race "a new song" of thanks unto God for His unspeakable gift.

True, "the noise of them that sing" is of mingled quality, in a world like this. It may be mere lightheartedness—and who could grudge that a place?—like the bird in the bush or child by the doorstep. It may be mere empty-mindedness, in children of a larger growth, who skim through life on its surface and pipe away its hours in a style which brings to mind the country-man's complaint to Jupiter of his nightingale, *vox et poëtae nubil*. We have our irresponsibles, and oddly out of place they appear in a struggling world, who toil not neither do they spin, nor yet take thought for those who do. Do not envy them; pray for them. Besides, if we are to complete the catalogue, we have those of whom it has to be said as of old that "the harp, and the viol, and the tabret, and the pipe are in their feasts; but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of His hands, and only add a note of degradation to the

music of humanity in its Maker's ear."

Yet, take it in all, the song of life is pure and brave and cheery, a marching measure, voicing the valour and hope and perseverance which lie in the heart of the common man and cheer him on his way.

3. Cheering he often needs, for the struggle is often hard. All warfare has its casualties, and amid the songs of victory and the shouts of festival we may not close our ears to that other element in the hum of our mingled life, "the voice of them that cry for being overcome." Our Saviour Christ took thought—and not mere passing thought—for the conquered, for the failures, for the bruised and beaten and fallen. Many have laid themselves out to accomplish some or other great achievement, to wrest one or other of the great prizes, so regarded, from life. But only the Lord Jesus Christ came into the world for no other purpose but just to "seek and to save that which is lost," to gather up the fragments, so to speak, of our poor humanity, that nothing be lost. And when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us He went about listening for the cry of them who were being overcome. Deliberately and in every point he set himself in opposition to the whole tendency of any merely blind process of selection and development, holding out His hand to the crippled and the halt, bodily or morally disabled. Everyone who has been worsted and beaten down ever since has known a friend in Jesus Christ, if he has known Him at all.

Always, therefore, at seasons of festivity we owe a thought, and if possible a helpful deed, to those with whom life has gone adversely. It is a poor sort of soul which remains untouched by what has come to be called the Christmas spirit. The old Christmas ballad put it in the homeliest form—good King Wenceslas looking out on the feast of Stephen and taking pity on the poor man gathering sticks in the snow for his bit of firing. Dickens in the Christmas Carol gives the theme his characteristic touch, and a favourite theme in Christmas stories always is to relate how some churlish soul was humanised, some cynical creature sweetened, some hardened wretch given again the heart of a little child.

No wonder. Our own instincts tell us that festivity is very well in its place, but must never deaden our ear to the voice of them that cry for being overcome. Whatever humanity may be in us comes out better in consideration "for others than just in enjoying ourselves. That is human feeling at its best. It is also the Divine lesson at its plainest. For our Saviour, whose coming is commemorated at this season, identified Himself intimately with those who were "down and out." The mystery of Love is that He, poor, lowly without advantages, and suffering Himself, He is able to be the helper of every sufferer. That is what really holds our hearts and our consciences. For these tell us that we ourselves are among those He came to seek and save, the wanderer, the foolish, the blind.

"In due time, when we were without strength, Christ died." He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief and He taught men to suffer, to love, and to love, in the way that not even death can conquer, so that even on the stricken field, when the song would seem quite smothered by the cry, the Christian psalm can still arise: "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

UNDERGRADUATE'S SUICIDE.

At an inquest recently at Oxford on J. A. Dugdale, 25 (an undergraduate of Jesus College) who was found shot in a field near the University town, it was stated that, while in the Army, he had suffered from sunstroke in Mesopotamia, and the fact that he was unable to pursue his studies preyed on his mind. A verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was returned.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

S. S. "WESTCODDOA"
From SAN FRANCISCO
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The above mentioned vessel having arrived from the above mentioned Ports, consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their cargo will be landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of the Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before bills of lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on December 27th at 10 a.m., and December 29th at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a week of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns and all goods remaining undelivered after December 29th will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.
As Operators, U.S. Shipping
Board.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

TO OUR FRIENDS & PATRONS
A MERRY CHRISTMAS.
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NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

On Christmas Eve, 24th December, the Dispensary, General Store and Wine Department will remain open until 7 p.m.

All Departments will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

DISPENSING DEPARTMENT.
Urgent prescriptions will be dispensed as usual.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1919.

NOTICE.

PROFESSIONAL GOLD CUP

The question having arisen as to whether "Larsen" subscription Griffiths should be allowed to compete for the cup together with "Shanghai" subscription Griffiths at the forthcoming race meeting the members of the Professions are requested to attend at the offices of the undersigned on Monday the 29th day of December, 1919 at 5.15 p.m. to consider the matter and arrive at a decision.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.

NOTICE.

FIRE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION OF
HONGKONG.

XMAS HOLIDAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that all FIRE INSURANCE Offices will be closed for the Transaction of Public Business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday the 25th, 26th and 27th inst. 1919.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

MARINE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION OF
HONGKONG.

XMAS HOLIDAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that all MARINE INSURANCE Offices will be closed for the Transaction of Public Business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 25th, 26th and 27th inst. 1919.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Secretaries.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF
CLUB.

A Mixed Foursome Competition will be held on the Relief Course at Fanling on Friday the 26th December, (Boxing Day) under handicap.

Entrance Fee \$2 each couple.
Post Entries.
Prizes will be provided out of the Entrance fees.

C. L. SANLES,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

THE WST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Company, Limited on Wednesday 14th January 1920 at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1919.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday 1st January to Wednesday 14th January 1920 (both days inclusive) during which period no Transfer of shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER
Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.

General Agents for the
West Point Building Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

Our Store will be open for business as usual on Saturday morning, 27th inst.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

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S. J. CLAYE.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1919.

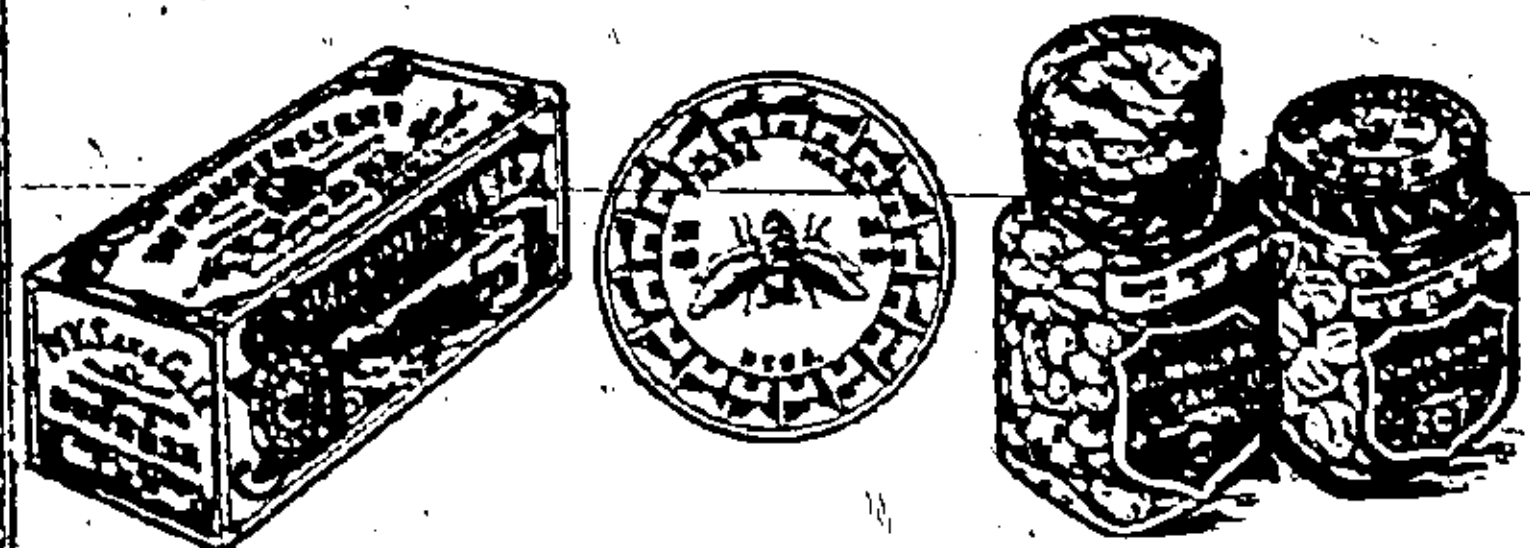
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CONSIGNEES.

STRUTHERS & DIXON INC

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SEATTLE

THE Steamship

"BRAVECOUER"

having arrived, from Seattle via ports, on December 23rd, 1919, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce, an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on December 30th, 1919, by the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after December 30th, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignatures immediately.

STRUTHERS & DIXON, INC.

Agents.

1st floor, Powell's Building,

12, Des Vœux Road, Ctl.,

Hongkong, 24th December, 1919.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

THE Steamship

HAROLD DOLLAR

having arrived from Vancouver B.C. via ports, on 17th December, 1919, consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. and stored at consignees' risk.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, until Monday Dec. 22nd, 1919, when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 2.15 p.m. December 22nd, 1919.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyors, prior to the above date.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns.

All goods remaining after Dec. 24th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignatures.

THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

This Department will be entirely closed on Thursday the 25th December, 1919, and 1st January, 1920. It will be open for all purposes till noon on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 26th, 27th & 28th December, 1919 and 2nd, 3rd and 4th January, 1920. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on these dates.

C. W. BECKWITH,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1919.

NOTICE.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GAS.

On and from the 1st January 1920 the price of Gas will be reduced from \$2.80 to \$2.50 per 1000 cubic feet.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary,
Hongkong & China Gas
Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 18th December, 1919.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 1919.

Dinner Dances will be held on the following nights during Christmas week:—

Christmas Eve, Wednesday,

24th December,

Christmas Night, Thursday,

25th December,

Boxing Night, Friday,

26th December,

and

New Year's Eve, Wednesday,

31st December.

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limited. All tables previously

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HOTEL MAIN OFFICE.

J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE.

From BOMBAY & SINGAPORE.

The Steamer

"INNAMINCKA"

having arrived from the above

ports, Consignees of Cargo by her

are hereby informed that all

goods are being landed at their

risk into the hazardous and/or

extra hazardous Godowns of the

Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf &

Godown Company, Limited,

whence, and/or from the wharves,

delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 27th

inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged

packages are to be left in the

Godowns where they will be

examined. Claims against the

steamer must be presented within

10 days of arrival otherwise they

will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be

effected in any case whatever.

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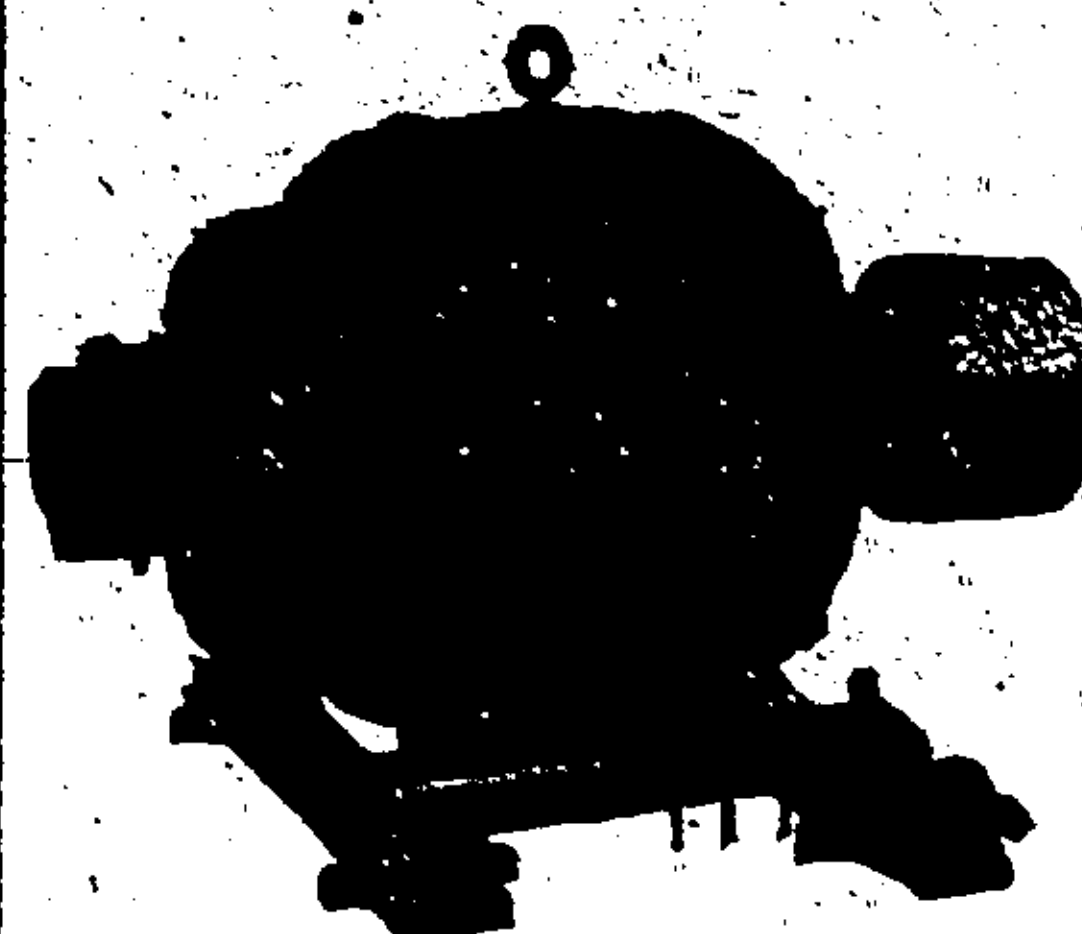
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XMAS SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG-

KONG.—CHRISTMAS, 1919.

Holy Communion (6.45 a.m.)

Holy Communion (7.45 a.m.)

Processional: Hymn 59. Service:

Stanford and Merbecke.

Hymns: 62, 322, 512 and 551.

Matins (11 a.m.) Processional:

Hymn 60. Responses: Festal.

Venite: Crotch (to be sung

antiphonally). Psalms: Monk

and Turtle. Te Deum: Oakeley

in F. (15th evening). Jubilate:

Jones (12th morning). Hymns:

59, 61. Sevenfold Amen. God

Save the King. N.B.—Psalm

19, verses 1 and 15 in unison.

verses 4, 9 and 13 trebles and

men alternately. Psalm 85,

verses 1 and 7 in unison, verses

4, 10 and 11 trebles and men

alternately. Hymn 60, verse 1

in unison. Hymn 59, verse 3 in

unison. Hymn 61, verse 3 in

unison. Holy Communion (12

noon). N.B.—Some traditional

Christmas Carols will be sung

at Evensong on Sunday next.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOW-

LOON.—Christmas Day 25th

December, 1919. Holy Com-

munion at 8.15 a.m. Morning

Prayer 11 a.m. Opening Volun-

tary. Responses: Festal.

Venite: Crotch—As Set.

Psalm: Special:—XIX—Monk,

LXXXV—Turtle, (omitting

XIV). Te Deum: St. Jude.

Benedictus: Barnby. Kyrie:

Mendelssohn. Hymns: 83, 84,

86, 87. Vesper Hymn. God Save

the King.

UNION CHURCH KENNEDY ROAD.

—Christmas Day, Dec. 25th,

Service at 10.30 a.m. Christmas

Hymns. Preacher: Rev. J.

Kirk Macdonachie.

SHIPPING.

VESSELS ARRIVED.

From Tsingtau the YING-

CHOW brought 957 tons of

through and 645 tons of direct

cargo.—Mooring C 15.

The GLENFALLOCH arrived

from Singapore to-day with 800

tons of general merchandise. She

reports strong monsoon and high

sea.—Mooring B 5.

From Harve the M. S. DOL-

LAR brought to-day 4,026 mem-

bers of the Chinese Labour Corps.

The TAIKOO WAN YI, be-

longing to the Taikoo Sugar Re-

finery Co., Ltd., brought 4,000

tons of sugar yesterday.—Mooring

Quarry Bay.

The BADENIA arrived yester-

day from Glasgow with 3,400 tons

of merchandise and no mails.

She carried 2,323 troops.—Mooring

Holt's Wharf.

Rice to the extent of 1,400 tons

was consigned by PRODUCE

yesterday from Wuhu. Her agents

are Messrs. Thoresen and Co.—

Mooring B 8.

The Norwegian vessel HAL-

DIS arrived yesterday from

Singapore with 1,700 tons.—

Mooring A 8.

Rice (1,800 tons) was delivered

by the Russian boat SISSEPERO-

PAL from Haiphong. Her agents

are the Russian V. I. Juntier Fleet.

—Mooring B 10.

Over a thousand tons of rice

was consigned by the Portuguese

vessel SUN TAK, from Saigon.

—Mooring C 45.

From Hongay the M. B. K.

boat TAKENO MARU delivered

1,350 tons of coal.—Mooring

Quarry Bay.

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Burton Miss McIntosh D

Buckley S H McBean F

Bulmer S R McCracken W

Bloomfield Miss C

Crawford S W MacNomard

Clayton Miss S E

Clayton Mrs Nathan J C

Christmas W T Norbury Mr &

Crockett E L Mrs R

Don Mr & Mrs Ornstein B

G E Poli D

Deeks S J Paulson V

Day Miss Ritchie Miss D

Dickins Mr & Ritchie Mrs

Mrs F J Richards

Fitzgerald D Rattenschweller

Fraser G H A

Farmer Sabery S

Gabriel Mr & Steel J P

Mrs F W E Swift F G

Gray Mr & Mrs Thomas H

W Wicks Miss N

Huot H P Watson Mr &

King A Mrs H E

Kaufeldt Wm V Wieler L A

C White J C

Coal was also brought by the

O. S. K. vessel DATOKU MARU

(1,483 tons) from Keelung, and the

BORNEO MARU (1,350 tons)

from Kobe.—Mooring B 31.

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HER PAGE



COSTUMES FOR WINTRY DAYS.



Shown above are two winter street costumes, designed to fit every occasion for day-time street apparel. If a fur coat is the name of comfort and style, the one sketched in seal will be a constant source of satisfaction. Short enough not to be a drag upon the shoulders, it is clasped closely around the throat in a collar of the same fur. Wide, cape cuffs reach to three-quarter length, and a seal belt of medium width marks the waist line in the front, passing under the capelike back. Monkey fur tips mark the joining of the back panel with the front.

Beside the fur coat is outlined a suit in Russian blouse style, made up of chifon velvet in one of the new shades of red. High, close-fitting collar, cuffs, edge of jacket, and tips of the long, slash belt, are trimmed with gray squirrel. The back of the coat forms a loose panel, from which the belt emerges under each arm, to loop at the front.

Designs of the Moment.

I have come to the conclusion that it must be far more difficult to design an artistic evening frock than a tailor-made or an afternoon one.

For some unknown reason, the normally sane dress designer seems to lose his or her head when it comes to evening wear. If you notice carefully, you will find that most of the freakish skirt ideas are first tried on evening frocks, and then later, if they meet with any sort of success, they appear on day frocks. The very full skirt, the very tight one, the slit skirt, the tunic, the pannier skirt, the ultra short one, and many others first made their bid for popularity on evening models.

THE "HIP" EFFECT.

For several years past the new autumn and winter evening styles have shown several models with hip draperies and even with pannier effects, but up to now only those few who like to be seen wearing "le dernier cri" have shown them any favour, so they have disappeared gracefully. This year again hips have come in, and now, I really believe, they are at last finding themselves more generally liked, though there are still plenty of straight falling skirts to be seen.

ORGAN PIPE PLEATS.

The newest hip "fantasy" is really a revival of the old organ pipe pleats as they were once called. These are large open pleats, four, five or more in number, which stand firmly out on the hips. Bunched-up pannier draperies are also seen in many new evening skirts, and these

when they are not exaggerated in their bunchiness, are quite pretty and charming.

THE UGLY TROUSER SHIRT.

But there is one new, and, alas, popular, style of skirt that is extremely ungraceful. This is known as the trouser skirt, though it is not really a "trouser" at all, but the feet come through slits at each side of a sort of draped cake-like arrangement. Not nearly so many people would wear this type of skirt if they realised what a very ugly appearance it gives to their ankles. It seems either to thicken them or make them look particularly thin and sticky, any girl who is thinking of buying a new evening frock should avoid this type of skirt.

PANNIERS AND POINTED BODICE.

One of the prettiest pannier models I have seen came from Paris. The dress was of silk, in that beautiful new rust-red colour, with tiny bunches of flowers set rather far apart worked in silver embroidery. The skirt is draped at each side over slight hoops—for hoops are now being used on many frocks. Personally I should prefer the draperies without the hoops, for on a very slender graceful figure would look well in them. The top of the bodice is very plain, for there is not a scrap of trimming even to edge the "V"-shaped neck or short sleeves. At the waist the folds of the bodice form a deep pointed belt, not unlike the once popular Swiss belt. The general effect of this dress is rather suggestive of the Western period, and because of this it should only be worn by fairly petite figures.

MILADY'S FAN.

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY REVIVAL.

The revival of the fan is one of the most interesting post-war points in connection with milady's wardrobe, and the part played is not so much that of a dress extra as of an essential item of toilet. For some years, even before the war, fans were used very little; now, in a flash, we have leapt back to the custom of seventeenth century fashion, and fans are on every side—fans of feathers and fans of lace, fans of delicately carved ivory and tortoiseshell, fans delicately painted by artists of high degree and fans which might have come from Fairyland, so brightly do they scintillate with precious gems and jewels.

It is true that fans of all sorts are "in fashion," but the most remarkable thing is undoubtedly the revival of feather fans. Folk who have Victorian fans of feathers hoarded away among the things "which may be useful one day" can get them out in the sure knowledge that their day has come again. Many of the feather fans now being made are exact copies of those which our grandmothers used.

FEATHER FANS.

Single feather fans are also very popular, and the demand for them shows no sign of abatement. A giant ostrich feather set in a graceful handle of jade, tortoiseshell, amber, or chased and jewelled platinum, gold, or silver, is a necessary adjunct to the "extras" of the well dressed woman of the moment.

One of the most attractive of such fans was that made to be symbolical of day-dawn—a green jade and gold handle held a long feather which had been dyed deftly in pastel shades of blue and pink and lemon, the one merging into the other, and the feather culminating with the vivid pink of full dawn.

Exquisite fan handles, designed chiefly for use with such single feathers, are being shown. They are popular wedding presents, and are expected to figure largely as Christmas gifts. In view of the fact that such handles can cost anything from 5s. to £50 upwards, they come within the "possibles" of all pockets.

Lace fans are also much used just now, and some beautiful examples are being shown. "Fan pieces" of old lace can be mounted for use, while many women are reviving the old fashion of combining lace with jewels, particularly pearls, or exquisite paintings. A lace fan inset with wee miniature paintings of extreme delicacy, mounted on fine ivory, was among the wedding presents of a recent bride.

NEW TAM.



Among the latest things in hats is the "two-toned tam." The one shown above is of a black velvet with a top of tan broad cloth, draped with rows of black velvet ribbon. It is finished with a heavy black tulle.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S WEAR.

WARM AND COMFORTABLE FASHIONS FOR THE WINTER.

If our great grandmothers could come back to earth there is not much doubt that one of the things which would cause them most to hold up their hands in amazement would be the difference between the child clothes of today and yesterday. In the past children's clothes left much to be desired from every point of view; nowadays distinct efforts are made to combine comfort with artistic simplicity and service in the things which little children wear.

TO PREVENT COLDS.

Where little children's underclothes are concerned particular care is taken to make all garments hygienic, healthy, and also attractive. Designs and materials are used to guard against the possibility of chills. One of the most notable changes in this direction is the institution of sleeping suits instead of nightgowns for wee boys and girls. Such sleeping suits have leapt from faddism to popularity within the last half-score years and are undoubtedly a good change, since boys and girls so attired can roam and romp about to their hearts' content without much risk of catching colds.

Strong washing crawlers are another latter-day innovation. This garment is really an overall with knicker ends, and is made of washing materials. Originally intended for young babies, mothers have discovered the advantages of crawlers for children getting on in the single figure age. If a crawler is put on when a little child is dressed, the clothes will all be kept clean during play; advantages which are denied to the ordinary overall or pinafore. Woolen stockinette is being much used for making frocks and tunic suits for little girls and boys this winter. It is good for wear and warmth, and "gives" in a way that is useful for kiddies' clothes.

HOUSE COATS.

There are also being shown house coats in brushed wool for tiny girls to wear over their frocks indoors, or at school on chilly days. Quite a new idea this, and a useful one, so long as it does not become abused.

Knitted coats for street wear are also most popular for little children. Such coats are usually plainly ribbed, double breasted, and are often completed with round "pull on" knitted caps, long knitted gaiters and gloves, all made to match.

The pull-on round cap is undoubtedly first favourite with well-dressed children of to-day. Such caps, with fishergirls' caps and man-of-war hats of both sorts, are much to be preferred to the ultra-fashionable "copied from mother's" hats which some shops display for little children's wear.

SIMPLE FROCKS.

With regard to frocks and suits the tendency is for simplicity and simplicity, as often is the way, becomes picturesque of its own accord. Most little boys nowadays are attired in belted tunic suit or in Dutch knickers, buttoned up to an American blouse. Little girls' frocks are described as being "quaint"; they are really the essence of simple usefulness. Plain straight down frocks made Magyar fashion in all sorts of materials are great favourites, easily made and easily washed. Elaboration of children's frocks is strongly deprecated; it is quite out of fashion. Mothers who go to buy party frocks show more desire nowadays for something that any little girl can enjoy herself in than formerly.

"Stocks are more popular than stockings for little children's wear, and more healthy. For the most part they are worn with sandals or strappers, and shoemakers now give particular attention to turning out shoes which are absolutely the best a child can wear. Mothers need no longer buy shoes turned out by the million for their children; there are firms which make specially for the individual child, so that the tender little feet shall be shaped and clothed on the best possible lines.

RAFFIA WORK.

MAKING A BID FOR POPULARITY.

The new coloured raffia work, is undoubtedly destined before long to form a powerful rival to wool work decorations, in the affections of all who value pure, gay colour in the development of interior ornament. It is, indeed, on its beauty of tint and the original combination of tones, that raffia depends for its success, and a great part of the fascination of the work lies in the fact that one can dye the raffia oneself to meet one's own particular decorative schemes. A bundle of raffia (a sort of bast formed from the slender skin which covers the leaves of a "Madagascar palm") costs but little and the logwood, alum, fustic chips, ammonia, soda, and stewed walnut shells (!) required to dye it variously yellow, purple, blue, orange and brown, represent also but a modest cost, or if one can reconcile one's artistic sense to the substitution of chemical for vegetable dyes, one may tint one's material with the extreme of ease and economy by utilising the cheap dyes sold in powder and liquid form.

GAY COLOUR SCHEME.

Thus, the obvious merit of raffia work is that it accommodates itself with the greatest adaptability to the present-day vogue for gay colour schemes in interior decoration, and this without any of that excessive expenditure which is now inseparable from the use of silks and wools. Then, a complete cushion cover of raffia, composed of striped meures, purples, and blues, and another in orange and creamy checkers, cost but a very small sum, the large wooden beads in black and white sewn round the edge having added but little to their expense, though much to their artistic value. Broad bands for curtains earned out in a close stitch, which, I believe, goes by the pleasing name of "Laz Squam," may be patterned in jade green, buff, and black. A tea-cosy (usually such an unlovely, aquat object on the tea-tray) was seen made in mitered shape of delphinium blue, a diamond shaped lounge of light terra-cotta making beautiful its centre. It had been designed, I was told to go with a room where in these colours prevailed in the cretonne hangings and covers.

AFTER WAR SERVICE.



Lady Muriel Bertie, beautiful daughter of Lord Lindsay. Lady Bertie has reopened her father's London house, where she will be hostess during the season. She drove an ambulance in France during all the years of the war.

SMART BLOUSE.



The graceful embroidery on this blouse of Georgette crepe makes it attractive for dressy wear. The square neckline slit at each corner is unusual. It is collarless and is simply bound with self material. The embroidered panel which falls slightly over the belt in front gives a suggestion of the always popular vestee. The bell sleeves caught into a tight-fitting cuff are interesting, especially to women who do not care to follow the new craze for elbow sleeves in suit blouses.

JOTTINGS.

FUR HANDBAGS.

Fur may be scarce, and that is probably just the reason why it is being used once again for my lady's handbag. The fashion died down during the war, when silk, brocade, and bead bags became so popular. Now if you have a beaver or mole set of furs you must have a small furry bag to match.

THE ROUND EARRING.

Most wise women are getting their valuable hanging earrings made into the round variety. Some are having them incrustated with jewels. And this is all because they have discovered that the long earring has an ageing effect. It gives too much dignity and personality; but the round Spanish-looking ones, on the contrary, are more piquant and approachable.

"PULL ON" FASHIONS.

Fastenings have gone by the board this season, and "pull on" garments are the order of the day. From the "pull on" cap, which sometimes has quaint little ear flaps edged with fur, to the "pull on" jumper and on to the whole frock which slips on over the head without the ghost of a fastening.

NOVELTY COLLAR.

The V-shaped neck has given way in many frocks to a straight line high across the throat on to the shoulders. Another novelty of the season is the collar which can be worn high or low. When high it is supported by a ribbon bow, the ends of which are tucked into the belt when the other effect is desired.

HOOKING THE KNITTING.

The knitter, like the skater, should begin young if she is to attain any great measure of proficiency. But I have seen ladies who only began knitting operations when, of advanced years, attained a truly marvellous degree of proficiency by adopting what I am told, the American method. Instead of holding the wool over the fingers of the right hand needle, the substitution of "one" movement for two undoubtedly makes both for simplicity and quickness, and even beginners can soon begin to knit with rapidity under this system. Parling is done somewhat similarly though the operation is slightly more complicated than in the case of the plain knitting stitch. "Don't they say something similar in France?"

A HANDBAG SUGGESTION.

A novelty bag recently seen was certainly "fetching," but clever fingers could easily copy it. Required: Two pieces of fairly wide navy blue silk corded ribbon, each about 12 inches long, and a quantity of tiny navy and grey beads. It was the beading that gave the bag its distinction. On each side of the bag was an outside pocket, on which a peacock was embroidered in grey beads. Each pocket had a striped bead fringe, a number of navy blue beads forming a stripe in between grey beads. A similar fringe, but longer, hung from the bottom of the bag.

WRINKLED GLOVES ARE LATEST WRINKLE.

Long gloves are again in favour. For are they worn only with short sleeves. All newest gloves, end in a gauntlet which is drawn up over the tight dress or coat sleeve. They should be allowed to wrinkle at the wrist. Most of them, strangely enough, come in either very dark or the lighter pastel shades. "Medium" grays and tans which have been such popular colours among women because they did not show the soil quickly, yet lightened up an otherwise all dark winter street costume, are no more. Street gloves are dark, or, less frequently than formerly, plain white.

BLUE IS BRIDES FAVOURITE COLOUR THIS SEASON.

Blue, in pastel, smoke, and other delicate shades is in great favour for bridesmaids' dresses at autumn weddings. It is reported that practically every trousseau includes at least some shade of blue. The going away gown is almost invariably blue this season despite the general favour of brown for street suits. At several brilliant weddings recently the bridesmaids have worn blue with unusual effect. As one usually elaborate ceremony the maids were gown in the deepest shades of very pale gray-blue chiffon with which they carried great armfuls of yellow roses.

CHARM OF THE SEMI-TRANS PANNIER.

A clever dressmaker who, in spite of the prevailing vogue for knee-length, short-skirted dresses, has decided to stick to the old-fashioned pannier skirt, has just made a charming semi-trans pannier skirt for a young lady. The skirt is made of a very fine, light-colored material, and is decorated with a delicate, intricate pattern. The pannier is made of a very fine, light-colored material, and is decorated with a delicate, intricate pattern. The skirt is made of a very fine, light-colored material, and is decorated with a delicate, intricate pattern.

EXTRA.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1919.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

FREE TRADERS DELIGHTED.

London, Dec. 18.
In the House of Commons, replying to a question Sir Auckland Geddes stated the Government had appealed against the Sankey judgment and early next session the Government would press on legislation on the lines of the Anti-dumping Bill. Meanwhile the Customs were instructed to allow the importation of all articles affected.
Mr. Justice Sankey's decision was on a test case by the Manchester Chemical Manufacturers for seizure of a consignment of pyrogallol acid. The embargo proclamation was made in June, but the restrictions were withdrawn on 1st Sept., except as regards materials for key industries. It is the latter which is now declared illegal. If Justice Sankey's decision is upheld by the Lords it will be necessary to introduce a Bill in 1920 indemnifying the Government for seizures of goods under the proclamation. The decision has delighted the Free Traders. Sir John Simon, interviewed, said the "hole embargo system had been blown sky high."

SINN FEINERS ACTIVE.

London, Dec. 18.
A raid on Cork station was carried out at midnight by two hundred armed and disciplined Sinn Feiners within two hundred yards of Police Headquarters. On a whistle signal the raiders took up their allotted positions, locked up the signalmen, shunters, drivers and clerks and occupied the station for a hour, searching for an expected consignment of arms to the military. There have been no arrests.

A NEW STEEL.

London, Dec. 18.
The "Daily Mail" says that Doctor Arnold, Professor of Metallurgy at Sheffield University, has discovered a new steel unrivalled in hardness and with cutting powers far beyond existing qualities of highspeed steel.

THE RIVER CLYDE.

London, Dec. 18.
In the House of Commons, replying to Capt. Winterton, Mr. Lloyd George said the famous steamer River Clyde was lying at Malta, very badly damaged. The Government had decided that the enormous expense of repairing and bringing her to England was unjustifiable. He promised to consider the question of preserving her at Malta as a national relic.

AUSTRIA'S INDEPENDENCE.

Paris, Dec. 18.
The Supreme Council informed Herr Renner on 14th. December that in view of the agitation of Vorarlberg, Salzburg and Tyrol for self-determination the Allies will oppose any attempt contrary to the St. Germain Treaty to compromise the political or economic independence of Austria.

SITUATION IN TURKEY.

London, December 18.
It is reported that the situation in Turkey is becoming worse. The Cabinet is much influenced by the Nationalists, with the result that the Province are becoming increasingly independent. Anti-British feeling is growing.

THE WAR ON BOLSHIEVISM.

London, December 18.
A semi-official statement says that the Bolsheviki are concentrating their troops east of Narovo for their impending offensive. It is stated that amongst the peace terms submitted by the Soviet to the Baltic States was the breaking off of relations with all States warring with the Soviet and the expulsion of foreign warships from the Northern Baltic. The Red advance in South Russia has averaged 50 miles in the past week. They are advancing in East Russia unchecked. The Bolsheviki claim to have captured Novonikolaiev, and taken 5,000 men and 52 guns.

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

London, Dec. 18.
The Prince of Wales had a great reception in the city this morning when he went to the Guildhall to receive an address of congratulation on the success of his visit to Canada and the United States. Large crowds cheered the Prince as he drove through the beflagged streets from York House. The Guildhall was crowded with a large and distinguished gathering, including their Majesties, Earl and Lady Haig, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour, Lord Curzon, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Chamberlain and other members of the Government, Mr. and Mrs. Asquith, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop of London, High Commissioner for Canada and American Ambassadors.
The Prince had an enthusiastic reception at the Guildhall. The recorder read the address congratulating the Prince on having, by unremitting efforts and natural dignity and courtesy, greatly strengthened the ties binding Canada to Britain in loyal attachment to Throne and Empire, and establishing a new bond of friendship between Britons and Americans. The Prince, who was cheered loudly and long, said he was deeply grateful for the very cordial welcome. The congratulations were far too warm. He paid a tribute to the Dominion's splendid part in the war. His mission to Canada and the United States had been undertaken with the greatest pleasure. The warmth of his welcome in Newfoundland followed him all through the tour. He also greatly enjoyed his first visit to the United States and deeply appreciated the cordiality with which he was entertained at Washington and New York.
The Prince subsequently lunched with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Some fifty members attended the annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club yesterday afternoon in Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co.'s board room. The Chairman was Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr (Captain) and he was supported by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Messrs. Sandes (Hon. Secretary), F. H. Thomas, T. S. Forrest, W. D. Kraft, etc.

After the notice convening the meeting had been read, the Chairman said:

Gentlemen, the accounts for the year ending September 30th. last have been in your hands for some days now and I will, as usual, take them as read. I think you will agree they show the Club's affairs as being in a prosperous condition, taking into consideration that we compare 12 months' expenditure this year with 9 months of 1918, since it was decided to close the latter accounts on September 30th. 1919, from which date the present year's accounts commence. The difference in the Fanling figures is, of course, also accounted for by the payment of some \$5,000 for the new nine holes of the Relief course.

It will be realised that the efficient maintenance and upkeep of the four courses now belonging to the Club will tend to increase, rather than diminish, our expenditure, and I think we may congratulate ourselves on having weathered the terrible years of the War with so comparatively satisfactory results.

With regard to the Happy Valley Club-house, destroyed by the fire of 1917, your Committee decided at the beginning of the present year to leave the question of rebuilding in abeyance pending the decision of the Stewards of the Jockey Club to extend the "Race-stands" further west. In the meantime we desire to place on record our appreciation and thanks for their continued hospitality.

While there has been no alteration in the Happy Valley course, the Deep Water Bay links have been altered to prevent so much crossing, which, owing to increased patronage during the summer months, was becoming a danger to players. For the re-arranging of this course, as well as for laying out the new 9 holes of our Relief course at Fanling, we are again indebted to the wise and comprehensive golf-mind of Mr. T. S. Forrest, whose name will ever be intimately associated not only for his fine play but also for the many services he has rendered to the Club.

MEMORIALS.

You were informed last year by the Hon. Mr. David Landale, my predecessor, that Mr. H. W. Looker had kindly offered to build two wings on to the Ladies' pavilion at Fanling in memory of his late wife and many happy days spent at Fanling. This work, consisting of two general dressing-rooms and four bedrooms with bath-rooms, has since been completed and is very greatly appreciated by the wives and families of members. On behalf of the Club we tender to Mr. H. W. Looker our grateful thanks. The members' appreciation may be gauged by the fact that all the rooms have been let continuously and are booked full, provisionally, for some time to come. It is the intention, with Mr. Looker's approval, to place a brass tablet in the dining-hall of the Ladies' pavilion, recording his generous presentation to the Club.

While on the subject of memorials, it is also intended to erect a tablet in the Club-house at Fanling bearing the names of those gallant members who lost their lives in the great War and who contributed so effectually, together with those who fought and returned to us, in securing to posterity the freedom to enjoy the Royal and Ancient game of Golf in this Colony.

It is also intended to issue a list of official competitions, to be played on fixed dates during 1920,

for members' information. These will include the Governors' shield, presented by H. E. Sir Edward Stubbs under conditions recently published; also the Jasper-Clarke Challenge Cup presented by his wife in memory of her late husband, killed in the war, to be played for on a day that has Scotch traditions, the cup to remain a perpetual Challenge Cup and never to be played for by anyone who was of enemy origin during the war. The Committee have accepted Mrs. Jasper Clarke's offer and terms, which will remain on record in the annals of the Club, and will arrange for the cup to be played for on a date as near St. Andrew's Day as convenient, conditions: 36 holes on the Championship course of Fanling, medal play at scratch, the Club to present a prize as souvenir and in token of the great respect and esteem in which this late gallant officer was held by all who knew him.

NEW BALLS.

The question of balls has been a difficult one owing to the lack of proper material in the manufacture during the latter months of the war. The Club had a large stock of balls in March last which would have carried us on over Christmas under ordinary circumstances, but the covers were found to split and crack at once on using, and, on reference to the suppliers, we were informed that it had been impossible to procure the usual materials. These balls were obviously of no use to us, and so it was decided to return them, and Messrs. Challengers and Spaldings have promised to replace their respective makes, but we are still corresponding with the St. Mungo Manufacturing Company, the makers of the Colonels, &c., who we hope, will treat us in the same considerate way as the first-mentioned firms. We hear of clubs at home similarly situated. Adequate supplies are now on the way, and within a few weeks it is hoped that the situation will be relieved.

During the year Messrs. Little Adams and Wood were asked to submit plans for the rearrangement of the men's Club-house at Fanling. These plans have now been received, but they practically mean pulling down the present building, except the actual four walls, and erecting a new building at a cost of \$80,000 to \$100,000. It will no doubt be agreed that the present state of the Club's accounts do not admit of so large an ordinary expenditure, more especially as during the coming year a building will have to be erected for the Club steward at Fanling by the end of 1920, when our lease with Mr. Orme for his house falls due.

It is absolutely necessary, gentlemen, for the safe custody of our valuable property in the shape of silver, glass, napery, furniture &c., to have a resident steward at Fanling, and this post, which also includes looking after the links, has so far been filled to the satisfaction of your Committee by Sergeant Kerr with the able assistance of his capable wife.

QUESTION OF REBUILDING.
It must be remembered that we have at present an outstanding debt of \$66,000, in addition to an overdraft with our Bankers of \$42,000, and bright as the prospects of this Club undoubtedly are, I am convinced that it would be most unwise to saddle the Club with a further heavy debt by rebuilding the Club-house at present. We all realise that our Club-house is by no means ideal and leaves a great deal to be desired as regards space and suitable accommodation, both up and down stairs, but I think we can carry on as we are and be fairly comfortable for a few years longer, and leave the question of rebuilding over until some future date when the Club's liabilities have been reduced. The question is one for the incoming Committee to deal with, but, unless members are willing to subscribe and present the Club with a new building, I personally do not see how anything can be done in the meantime.

With these remarks, I beg to move the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Mr. G. C. Moron seconded. Carried.

SIR HENRY MAY.
The Chairman then proposed that Sir Henry May, G.C.M.G., in virtue of all he had done for the Club both as an active member of the Club and as Governor of the Colony, be elected a life member. (Applause). In doing so he read the following correspondence on the subject which had passed between himself and Sir Henry May.
To Sir Francis Henry May, G.C.M.G., 59, Cadogan Place, London, S.W.
Hongkong, 4th June, 1919.

My dear Sir Henry May.—The Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club have heard with much regret of the news of recent illness and the consequent necessity for your resigning the Governorship of this Colony.

They desire to place on record in the annals of the Club their deep appreciation of your keen interest and kindly services in its welfare, especially in the inauguration during your tenure of office of the new Fanling Golf course, which has proved so great a success and, it is considered, will continue to be a source of good in the Colony; and I have the pleasure to inform you it will be the Captain's privilege at the next annual general meeting to propose to the members that you be elected a life-member of the Club.

The Committee desire to tender their hearty congratulations on the further honours which His Majesty the King has been pleased to confer on you, and trust that you may be spared for many years to enjoy in restored health at home a well-earned, long and happy retirement.
Yours sincerely,
(Signed) E. V. D. PARR, (Captain).

To the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Captain, H.K. Golf Club.
August 3rd, 1919.

My Dear Parr.—Please accept for yourself and convey to the Committee of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club my warm thanks for the expressions of sympathy and congratulation contained in your letter of the 6th of June.

It is a great satisfaction to learn that the small services I was able to render to the Golf Club are so much appreciated that it is proposed to put my name forward as a life-member of the Club.

It is this honour is conferred upon me I shall be most proud, and shall remember with added gratefulness the day when I was privileged by the late lamented Mr. E. A. Hewett and his fellow-conspirators to essay my first game of golf at Fanling.—Believe me, yours sincerely,
H. H. MAY.

The Hon. Mr. Dodwell seconded. Carried.

ALTERATIONS TO CLUB PREMISES.
Mr. Archbutt moved: "That no structural alterations be made to the main Club-house built at Fanling without taking the opinion of the members at a general meeting."

Mr. Wells seconded and asked in the interests of those who play at Happy Valley when the new Club-house would be built there. The Chairman said that had already been discussed by the Committee, who thought it inadvisable to build at Happy Valley at present. If the Race Club decided later on to extend its stands further west the Golf Club-house might have to come down. With regard to Mr. Archbutt's motion he did not think that any incoming Committee would ever make any alterations in the Club-house, either at Fanling or Happy Valley, without reference to a general meeting of the members.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
On the motion of the R. O. Hutchison, seconded by Mr. T. S. Forrest, Mr. G. M. Young was elected Captain for the ensuing year. Mr. Forrest remarked, amid laughter, that Mr. Young was no good as a golfer but would be a very useful Captain of the Club. The Chairman congratulated Mr. Young on his election to one of the most honourable honorary positions in the Club (applause), and Mr. Young, in accept-

ing the post, expressed his thanks for the honour and said he would do his best to fill the shoes of many worthy predecessors.

The Chairman, seconded by Mr. Crockatt, moved that Mr. Sandes be re-elected Hon. Secretary, adding that Mr. Greenhill had kindly volunteered to take over the duties from the end of January. Carried.

Prior to the ballot for six members of Committee the Chairman announced that as Mr. Dodwell and Mr. Forrest were leaving shortly for home their services would not be available. Both had rendered yeoman service to the Club. Mr. Dodwell had been a member for six years two of which he had been Captain. He wished both of them good luck and many happy days on the Home links.

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax declined to again stand for Committee honours. In the course of a long speech he pointed out that there were numerous small matters which called for much attention and whereby savings could be effected and, however much he would like to remain on the Committee, he felt he had not the time to devote to the work. He had no objection to being added to the Committee as occasion required, but could not give that steady application to the work which he felt to be necessary. The Club had grown to such an extent that a rider division of the work should be made and this involved certain alterations in the articles.

Sir William Rees Davies and the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb were invited to act as scrutineers.

Mr. G. M. Young proposed that Mr. T. S. Forrest be made a life member of the Club. His name was associated in a very tangible and lasting way with that of Sir Henry May at Fanling. (Applause). The Chairman seconded and Mr. Forrest feelingly acknowledged the compliment.

The following Committee was elected:—Messrs. F. H. Thomas, E. J. Grist, W. D. Kraft, T. Hill, R. Melville Smith and the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	4/11 1/2
Demand	4/11 1/2
30 d/s	4/11 1/2
60 d/s	5/-
4 m/s	5/- 1/2
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	211
T/T Japan	187
T/T India	204
Demand, India	204
T/T San Francisco	94 3/4
T/T & New York	94 3/4
T/T Java	250
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	9 95
Demand, Paris	—

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	5/14 1/2
4 m/s. D/P	5/14 1/2
6 m/s. L/C	5/2 1/2
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	5/2 1/2
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	96 1/2
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	10.35
6 m/s. France	10.47
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	94 3/4
T/T Bombay	204
Demand, Bombay	—
T/T Calcutta	204
Demand, Calcutta	—
Demand, Manila	197 1/2
Demand, Singapore	211
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	Nom.
Sovereign	4. Nom.
Gold leaf per Tael	31.80
Bar Silver, per oz	77 1/4
forward	76

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

DISCOUNT PER \$100.	
H'kong 50 ct pieces	par
" 10 "	\$2.50 pm
" 5 "	\$51 pm
Canton coins	\$74 pm

PANSY DAY.

STREET COLLECTION RESULT.

The following further donations are gratefully acknowledged:—
Mr. W. B. Walker \$100.00
Mrs. Cartwright 10.00
Anonymous 5.00
Street Collection on Pansy Day, 16th December, under the direction of Mrs. Montagu Harston and Miss M. Loureiro. —

Tin No.	
1	33.42
2	29.80
3	44.42
4	8.60
5	20.04
6	41.40
7	29.20
8	16.65
9	175.00
10	158.33
11	128.51
12	40.51
13	24.80
14	39.50
15	47.30
16	38.30
17	23.65
18	61.08
19	35.55
20	31.70
21	22.25
22	121.50
23	53.52
24	24.80
25	45.31
26	22.20
27	65.20
28	51.35
29	66.80
30	97.72
31	44.60
32	21.65
33	34.61
34	56.20
35	13.10
36	276.80
37	31.30
38	69.00
39	29.30
40	15.00
41	37.90
42	18.55
43	55
44	60.60
45	50.90
46	33.80
47	14.60
48	43.70
49	53.25
50	8.95
51	17.35
52	33.65
53	38.25
54	34.98
55	117.93
56	13.85
57	19.98
58	70
59	45.23
60	54.71
61	61.13
62	102.30
63	45.45
64	50.45
65	271.25
66	40.58
67	80.85
68	112.61
69	66.30
70	66.18
71	66.25

Already Acknowledged \$ 4,080.65
5,975.61

\$10,056.26

Further subscriptions are invited and may be sent to the Hon. Treasurer.

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DISHED THE CROWD.

A widower of 83 and a widow 79—Mr. Alexander Milner Blake and Mrs. Marion Edith Bishop—were married at St. Peter's Rectory, Bristol. A large crowd gathered at 11 o'clock, the hour at which the marriage was announced to take place, but the couple had quietly arranged to be married at 10 o'clock, and the crowd was disappointed. Both laughed heartily at the successful ruse to avoid the neighbours' curiosity. Mr. Blake married two or three years ago a lady of 31. His father was a woodman in Windsor Forest. Mrs. Bishop is a native of Edinburgh.